

THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON! D.C. 20548

FILE:

B-199445.6

DATE: December 10, 1980

MATTER OF:

Tacoma Boatbuilding Co.--Request for Reconsideration

DIGEST:

GAO will not reconsider prior decision rendered in response to expression of interest from court unless court expresses interest in reconsideration of that decision.

Tacoma Boatbuilding Co. (Tacoma) requests reconsideration of our decision Robert E. Derecktor of Rhode Island, Inc.; Marine Power & Equipment Co., Inc., B-199445.4; B-199445.5, November 17, 1980, 80-2 CPD That decision was rendered in response to an expression of interest from the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island in connection with Civil Action No. 80-0445.

It is our policy not to decide matters where, as here, the material issues are before a court of competent jurisdiction. However, if the court expresses an interest in a decision by our Office, we will then consider the matter on the merits. Allis-Chalmers Corporation--request for reconsideration, B-195311.2, January 8, 1980, 80-1 CPD 21.

In the present case, the court did express an interest in our decision. Tacoma on its own behalf now requests that we reconsider the decision we rendered. However, since our prior decision was issued in response to the court's request and the court has not indicated any interest in our reconsidering that prior decision, we will take no further action on the merits of this matter. Allis-Chalmers Corporation, supra, and cases cited therein.

Tacoma's request for reconsideration is dismissed.

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